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**BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Issues Statement
on Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

El Segundo – Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton issued the following statement, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. today, which marks the 46th anniversary of his assassination.

"On April 4th, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed; a sad passing that gave energy to the continuation his dream, of which I am a benefactor. It is a dream that is realized every time a child is born who becomes a scientist who will find cures for our nation's ills; when despair is replaced with hope for a better day. A jury found that Loyd Jowers and others, including unspecified government agencies, were all part of the conspiracy to kill Dr. King. However, hate, complacency, and racism were the real perpetrators of this crime against society. Today, I am thankful for the sacrifices of so many in assuring our freedoms and rights as American citizens; as we reflect on the life and legacy of a man who fought to insure that all people, regardless of their differences, are able to partake in the America dream, I say: God bless you Dr. King!"

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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